

BYLAW NO. 375/2014

A Bylaw To Regulate And Control The Use And Consumption Of Water From The Municipality's Waterworks System And Controlling And Regulating The Discharge Of Sewage Into The Municipality's Sewage System and Control of Sump Pit and Surface Discharge of Water

The Council of the Town of Balgonie in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows;

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "The Water, Sewer, Sump Pit and Surface Discharge Management Bylaw."
2. In this bylaw, including this section;
 - (a) **"Municipality"** means the Town of Balgonie;
 - (b) **"Assessed Owner"** means the person liable to pay the taxes on the property to which the water and sewer service is supplied, as shown by the assessment roll of the Municipality in which the property is located;
 - (c) **"Consumer"** means any person whose application for water and sewer is accepted by the Municipality;
 - (d) **"Premises"** includes any buildings, yard or place connected with the water or sewer system of the Municipality for the purposes of taking water there from; or any part of such building, yard or place;
 - (e) **"Domestic Purposes"** means ordinary household and sanitary purposes and watering of stock;
 - (f) **"Commercial Water Services"** means water supply and services which are extended to premises at which any business, trade, profession, industry, occupation or employment is carried on and any premises from which goods or services are provided;
 - (g) **"Residential Water Service"** includes all water services extended to the premises containing dwelling units and on which no business, trade, profession, industry, occupation or employment is carried on;
 - (h) **"User"** means any person who uses, consumes or otherwise enjoys the benefits of the water service supplied;
 - (i) **"Administrator"** means the Administrator of the municipality;
 - (j) **"Public Utility"** means a works for the supply, collection, treatment, storage and distribution of water and/or the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewerage;
 - (k) **"Fees"** means rates for service, connection and disconnection of service.
 - (l) **"Sump Pit and Discharge System"** means a system including sump, sump pump and/or any related plumbing used to convey water collected by subsurface drainage to the surface
 - (m) **"Surface Discharge System"** means any system which conveys collected surface water from the property.
3. Any assessed owner who wants to be supplied with water from the municipal system must make application to the Administrator of the Municipality.
4. Each application shall be accompanied by the payment of a utility connection fee in the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

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5. Any assessed owner may apply to have a different sized water meter installed other than the existing installed water meter. Each application shall be accompanied by payment of a charge for installation of the water meter of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
6. Each application to turn the water off shall be accompanied by payment of a charge for turning the water off of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and each application to resume water service shall be accompanied by payment of a charge for turning the water on of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
7. (a) All water supplied to any person by the Municipality shall be measured by water meters which will be supplied, installed and owned by the municipality.

(b) Notwithstanding sub-section 8(a), the municipality may make water service available to any person on an unmetered basis for residential use in a residential mobile home district.
8. Every applicant for water service shall, for the purpose of installation of water meters:
 - (a) where the meter is to be located in a building, provide sufficient space for installation of the water meter and provide for convenient access to the meter with a clear space of at least 50 centimeters around the said meter.
 - (b) where the meter cannot be located in a building, provide a structure suitable to house the meter at the applicant's expense.
 - (c) allow the municipality free access to his/her land and/or buildings on reasonable notice, for the purpose of reading, installing, replacing, removing or repairing of a water meter.
 - (d) where a water meter is removed from the premises without permission of the Municipality or damaged or destroyed while on the premises of the applicant or consumer, the said applicant or consumer shall be liable to the Municipality for the cost of repair or replacement of the meter and the Administrator may add the cost of the meter to the utility billing of the premises.
9. Where in the opinion of the utility personnel, any water meter fixture or pipe is insufficiently protected from extreme temperature the municipality may terminate the supply of water upon notice in writing to the consumer or his agent outlining the insufficient protection complaint.
10. The Municipality shall have the right to ration or limit the amount of water furnished to any customer, should circumstances seem to warrant such action.
11. No person shall convey, sell, dispose of or give away or permit water to be carried or taken away or use it or supply it for the use or benefit of others.
12. No person shall:
 - (a) willfully or maliciously hinder or interrupt the Municipality or its employees in the exercise of any of the powers conferred on it with respect to the provisions of a public utility service.
 - (b) willfully or maliciously discharge water so that it is wasted.
 - (c) willfully open, close or obstruct any water hydrant.
 - (d) willfully tamper with any water meter connected to the service, either inside or outside of a building so as to alter the amount of water registered by the meter.
 - (e) cause any harmful or offensive matter to be added to or deposited into or on the water or water works or source of supply for such public utility or in any way willfully damage or injure the works or pipes.

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- (f) attach any pipe or line to the public utility or obtain or use a public utility service without the consent of the Municipality.
- (g) willfully and without authorization hinder, interrupt or cut off the services of the public utility.
13. No person shall connect any pipe to the sewerage system for the purpose of surface drainage.
14. No person shall discharge into any drain, sewer or sewerage system, operated by the Municipality any harmful matter, substance or thing, whether liquid or solid, that would be injurious to health, life or property, that would injure, pollute or damage any stream, watercourse, drain, sewer, sewerage system or sewerage treatment plant.
15. Any subsurface drainage, pumped by way of a sump pump from a sump hole in the basement of any property, residence or accessory building on the property, shall only be pumped to the front street and must be directed to the nearest storm sewer. No water from any sump pit shall be pumped into the rear alley or lane.
16. Any surface drainage, pumped by any manner from the property, shall only be pumped to the front street and must be directed to the nearest storm sewer. No surface water shall be pumped into the rear alley or lane.
17. Accounts for water service and sewer service shall cover a period of three (3) successive months, and shall be rendered on or before the first day of the month next following such periods.
18. If an account is not paid within the said period of thirty (30) days, the water service is so turned off, it shall not be resumed until all arrears have been paid together with a reconnection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the reconnection to reinstate the said service is at a time other than the municipal employees' regular working hours, the reconnection fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).
19. If any rates, charges or rent in arrears remain unpaid on December 31, that amount shall be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or buildings with respect to which the service was provided.
20. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw for which no other penalty is provided shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to penalties provided under the general penalty bylaw of the Municipality.
21. Bylaw No. 343/08 passed on the 10th day of November, 2008 and amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
22. This Bylaw shall take effect on the date it is given third and final reading by Council.



F. Hauberg
MAYOR

Valerie Hubbard
ADMINISTRATOR

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 375/14
passed by resolution of Council on the 10th
day of November, 2014.

Valerie Hubbard
Administrator